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BOB MCBRIDE: Yesterday's arrest of CIA clerk Sharon Scranage (?) on spying charges brings now to 12 the number of U.S. citizens accused of espionage. In fact, never before have so many Americans faced spying charges at the same time.

Well, today Jack Cloherty talked to intelligence experts on this apparently growing problem of intelligence security. Jack?

JACK CLOHERTY: Bob, there is clearly a lot of concern in the intelligence community about case after case of apparent American betrayals. Ten years ago many spy cases were dealt with quietly and the public didn't hear much about them. But today the security problem is all too visible.

One U.S. intelligence source says the case of CIA clerk Sharon Scranage represents just the tip of the iceberg concerning penetrations of the CIA. Scranage was charged with turning over secrets to her Ghanian boyfriend.

ROY GODSON: This case exemplifies the problem, the fact that there are literally hundreds of foreign intelligence services that are targeted, to one extent or another, on Americans, Americans here in the United States and Americans serving abroad. The biggest single service targeting us is the Soviet intelligence service.

CLOHERTY: The Soviets apparenty have had some impressive intelligence coups in the last few years. Arthur Walker and three of his family members allegedly sold secrets to the KGB. And this FBI undercover film shows former FBI agent Richard Miller allegedly turning over secrets to a Soviet agent.

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